

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 0000033\_Carved

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 2000307.037

**Medium:** Image File

**Maker:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 26 November 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 25 November 2020

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The image depicts an older child performing a sexual act on herself. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It presents children as sexually active and aware and ready for adult forms of sexual expression. It can only be for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in children and it encourages and legitimises this interest. As an image file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for grooming potential victims of child sexual abuse. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is consistent with Parliament's clear intention that publications that fall under s 3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable.